

## Preface

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The *Blue Book* details the structure of federal, state and local government in Nebraska and includes biographies of elected officials and judges. The book also contains constitutional, historical and statistical information about Nebraska, as well as information about the state's geography, economy, people and culture. The information was obtained through research and from information provided by various agencies and individuals. Information was accurate as of Jan. 1, 2009.

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